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December 13, 2002

Mr. Vernon E. Williams Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 704 Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attn: Recordation of Railroad Equipment

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Memorandum of Lease Agreement

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are three (3) originals and one (1) copy of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, dated November 26, 2002, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The enclosed document relates to the Lease Agreement which was duly filed with the Commission under Recordation Number 22721.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessor: First Union Rail Corporation

One O'Hare Center 6250 River Road, Suite 5000

Rosemont, IL 60018

Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company Lessee:

2925 - 12th Street East

Glencoe, MN 55336

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is twelve (12) 4700/4750 cubic foot capacity covered hopper cars, with NDYX marks (See Exhibit A for numbers).

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows: Memorandum of Lease

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee. Kindly return one (1) stamped original of the enclosed document to the undersigned along with the additional copies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above-referenced matter, please feel free to contact me at (847) 384-5342. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Amy Carone

Manager of Documentation

Enclosures

(TCW018)

ASSGN. NO.: TCW018

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (the "Memorandum") is made and entered into as of this the Aday of Merimina and Description, 2002 by and between First Union Rail Corporation ("Lessor"), a North Carolina corporation, and Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, a Minnesota corporation.

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned Lessor and Lessee have entered into that certain Lease Agreement, dated as of February 25, 1998, whereby Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee certain railcars pursuant to Rider No. 18 to the Lease (the "Rider") as described in more particular on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of November 13, 2002, and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the above mentioned Lease and Rider.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed under seal by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

LESSOR: FIRST UNION RAIL CORPORATION ATTEST: RICHARD F. SEYMOUR Vice President Sales & Marketing Name: Title: Executed on this 26 day of Movember, 2002 Title: DIRECTOR OF DOCUMENTAMON [CORPORATE SEAL] STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK I, SUSAN GROKULSKY, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that RICHARD F. SEYMOUR personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease. WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this Withday of Navenue, 2002. Suson Crokulsky Notary Public My Commission Expires: 8-14-2-004 (Notary Public) SUSAN GHORULSKY NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ILLINOIS AY COMMISSION FYPIRES 6-14-2004

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LESSEE:

TWIN CITIES & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY ATTEST: By: Stand + Host Name: LCOXD T. Host Title: VP MARKeting & Salas By: Executed on this ___ day of _____, 2002. Title: [CORPORATE SEAL] STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF Mclood I, Rachel Hull, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that hold personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease. WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 22nday of November, 2002. RACHEL B. HULS NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-31-2005 Rachel B Hulin Notary Public My Commission Expires: 1-31-05 (Notary Public)

EXHIBIT A to MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

NUMBER OF CARS: Twelve (12)

DESCRIPTION OF CARS: 4700/4750 covered hopper cars equipped with trough

hatches and gravity outlets.

CAR NUMBERS: See below.

NDYX 475022 NDYX 475025 NDYX 475033 NDYX 475285 NDYX 475286 NDYX 475300 NDYX 475312 NDYX 475316 NDYX 475319 NDYX 475325 NDYX 475325 NDYX 475326 Count: 12